

# **PRESS RELEASE**

## **Congressman John Conyers, Jr.**

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### **CONYERS INTRODUCES INTERNET GAMBLING REGULATION BILL**

WASHINGTON -- Representative John Conyers, Jr., Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee, today introduced legislation to create a commission to make recommendations as to how the federal and state governments might regulate Internet gambling.

Conyers issued the following statement regarding the legislation:

“The international nature of the Internet has rendered ineffective federal and state statutes governing the placement of wagers. This bill creates a commission to ensure that the same sorts of consumer protections imposed on land-based gaming will apply to a licensed and regulated Internet-based gaming industry. Such an approach would be more effective at weeding out bad actors, and creating protections and safeguards in cyberspace gaming that exist in brick and mortar casinos.

This bill is designed to foster dialogue. Up to this point, all discussion of Internet gambling in the Congress has focused on prohibiting certain forms of it, while sometimes promoting other forms, such as horse racing. I have always believed that this approach reflects a fundamental misunderstanding of the Internet, as most Internet gaming sites exist outside of the U.S., and outside of the reach of U.S. law and law enforcement. This bill gives us a starting point to talk about how we might create some consumer protections, even in an Internet context.”

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